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SUBJECT: LAO GOVERNMENT PRESS AND RADIO INCREASE ANTI-U.S.
PROPAGANDA

1. DURING THE PERIOD MAY 10-13, THE LAO GOVERNMENT
MEDIA SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED THE NUMBER OF ANTI-U.S.
ITEMS THEY CARRIED:
A. THE LAO INFORMATION DAILY BULLETIN, MAY 10, MARKED
THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE "BLOODY EVENTS OF WOUNDED
KNEE" COMMENTING THAT: "THE SUMMARY EXECUTION OF
SIOUX INDIANS LIKE THE REPRESSION OF AND INTERVENTION
AMONG OTHER TRIBES SHOWS ONCE MORE THAT THE AMERICAN
RACIST SOCIETY CYNICALLY VIOLATES THE RIGHTS OF NATIONAL
MINORITIES."
B. THE BULLETIN MAY 11 CARRIED AN ARTICLE ON THE
CORRUPTING INFLUENCE OF U.S. BUSINESS, COMMENTING:
"THE LIST OF AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS WHICH
ARE DEVOTING THEMSELVES TO THE BRIBING OF FOREIGN
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BUSINESSMEN AND OFFICIALS DOES NOT CEASE TO INCREASE..."
C. THE LAO NATIONAL RADIO MAY 13 CARRIED A REPORT ON
THE ARREST OF STANFORD STUDENTS PROTESTING AGAINST
THEIR SCHOOL'S ALLEGED SUPPORT FOR THE APARTHEID
POLICIES OF SOUTH AFRICA, AND A HIGHLY CRITICAL
COMMENTARY ON THE U.S. POSITION ON THE PANAMA CANAL:
"...THE U.S. HAS PUT THE BRAKES ON THESE NEGOTIATIONS

(WITH PANAMA REGARDING THE CANAL) SINCE 1974 WHEN IT WAS COMPELLED TO SIGN THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES. ACCORDING TO THIS DOCUMENT, THE U.S. PROMISED TO STUDY THE PROBLEM OF REPLACEMENT OF ITS INEQUITABLE TREATY ENFORCED ON PANAMA IN 1903, WHICH IS THE MOST STRIKING MANIFESTATION OF WASHINGTON'S EXPANSIONIST POLICY. WASHINGTON STILL CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN RESTRICTIVE HOLD ON THE CANAL ZONE, WHERE ARE LOCATED ITS BASES AND TROOPS WHICH HAVE BEEN USED MANY A TIME FOR MILITARY AGGRESSION AND OTHER FORMS OF GROSS INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES... THE JUST DEMANDS OF PANAMA MUST BE SATISFIED, THE SOONER THE BETTER."

2. COMMENT: NEITHER THE THEMES NOR THE FORCE OF THE LAO PROPAGANDA ARE UNUSUAL, THOUGH THE INCREASED NUMBER OF SUCH ITEMS IS INTERESTING.
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